

OUR LADY AND ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY 29th JUNE 2025 SS PETER & PAUL – APOSTLES

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL

Today we celebrate the solemn feast of the Apostles Saints Peter and Paul. It was upon the rock of Peter's faith that our Lord built His Church, while Saint Paul, the great convert to the Christian faith, became its foremost missionary. May their prayers continue to sustain the Church in her mission throughout the world today.

On Saturday, we look forward with joy to the priestly ordination of Deacon Adam. Two full coaches will be travelling to Shrewsbury for this special occasion. Let us keep him in our prayers this week as he makes his final preparations for ordination. He will celebrate his First Mass as a priest in our parish next Sunday, 13th July, at 11.00am, followed by a celebration in the St Christopher Centre.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Sunday 29th June 2025 – Sunday 6th July 2025

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Solemnity (Saturday) SS PETER & PAUL, AP	6.00pm	Eddie & Philip Palmer RIP
		9.00am	Baby Evan Derek Hamilton Summersgill
		11.00am	People of the Parish
Monday	Ferial Requiem Mass	11.00am	Tony Moody RIP
Tuesday	St Oliver Plunkett, B, M Adoration	6.30pm	
		7.30pm	Lloyd Hayes RIP
Wednesday	Ferial - Adoration & Morning Prayer	8.30am	
		9.30am	Helen Ibbotson RIP
Thursday	St Thomas, Ap	9.30am	
		12.30pm	Fr Anthony Cogliolo RIP
Friday	Ferial	8.15am	Mass in Harrytown Catholic HS
		12.00pm	Anthony McKenna RIP
Saturday	Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday Evening Mass of following Solemnity (Saturday)	6.00pm	No morning Mass today People of the parish
Sunday	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am	Moire Phelan RIP
		11.00am	Ron Evans & Patrick Chamberlain RIP

PARISH LIVE STREAM Please go to www.churchservices.tv/romiley

THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Kieran O'Brien, Lionel & Jenny Rawlings, Jaar Jones, Michael Christie, Mandy Keane, Joyce Osbourne, Michael O'Sullivan, Katelyn Reilly, Amy Harris, Elizabeth Brown, Bridget Robertson, Valerie, Gahan, Marina Hernandez, Eamon Curran, Howard Moore,, Sheila Murphy, Michael Sainsbury, Moira McNeill, John Bardsley, Isaac Saed Iqbal, Simon Wright, Margaret Colicroot, Rory Ireland, Helen Bridge, Patricia Godfrey, Kevin Bradley, Mary Sainsbury, Rita Stevens, Margaret Maycock, Sr Margaret Mary Foley, James Smart, Nathalie Whitehead, Margaret Wooliscroft, Joan Marshall, Glenis Keenan, Michael Walsh, Kathleen Holland, Carole Roe, Kath Bradley, Evleyn Richardson, Grace Watts, John Woodrow. We commend them to the prayers of Our Lady & St Christopher.

ANNIVERSARIES Gertrude Wyatt, Anthony Parker, Robert Curran, Brian Schofield, Maureen Sheridan, Elizabeth Holland, James Trought, Margaret Moffatt, AnneMarie Morsy, Ronald Evans, William Walker, Carole Hogan, John O'Neill, Reginald Greener, Bernadette Alves, Anthony McKenna, Bridget Furneaux, Ian Shaw, Una Gregory.

RECENTLY DECEASED Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Woodrow who died recently. May he rest in peace. Please also pray for his wife Christine and the family at this time.

Sunday Readings Ss Peter & Paul C, page 180: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19.
Preface: Ss Peter & Paul, page 69. **Eucharistic Prayer:** 3, page 27.

WE WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH Madeleine Olivia Richmond who was baptised recently.

PLEASE NOTE that due to travelling to Deacon Adam's Ordination Mass at Shrewsbury Cathedral on Saturday, there will be no 9.30am Mass that day.

ROTAS FOR READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS are available from the rack in the small Sacristy. Please collect one after Mass. Thank you.

LADIES' GUILD DEFIBRILLATOR FUNDRAISER Thank you to all those who supported the Card Sale at the Masses last weekend organised by Philippa Brierley. The sum of £212.00 was raised for the new defibrillator.

REV DEACON ADAM BAMBER'S ordination as a priest will take place on **Saturday, 5th July, at 12:00 pm at Shrewsbury Cathedral**. Two coaches have been booked for the occasion. Please make sure to pick up a yellow information sheet from the table at the back of church and note the coach number you have been assigned – either Coach 1 or Coach 2. The coaches will depart promptly from the church at 9.00am on Saturday morning.

The Ordination Mass will also be live streamed from the cathedral. Please go to:

<https://www.churchservices.tv/shrewsburycathedral/embed>

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL Thank you to all parishioners who wrote to our local MP, Lisa Smart, or signed the petition opposing assisted suicide. Sadly, the Bill in favour of assisted suicide was recently passed in Parliament by a narrow margin of just 23 votes.

The Bill now proceeds to the House of Lords, where it may yet be overturned - given its declining support - or amended to curtail some of its more extreme provisions.

Despite this setback, it remains vital that we continue to make our voices heard on matters of such grave moral concern. Speaking out is not only a democratic right but an expression of our deepest convictions about the sanctity of human life, from conception to natural death.

As Catholic Christians, we are called to uphold the Gospel of Life. It is important to do the right thing regardless of what others may think - the battle must continue, and we remain steadfast in faith and witness. Thank you again for your efforts in opposing this Bill and let us continue to pray that the sanctity of life may be respected. *Fr Michael*

LOURDES BY JUMBULANCE Chester Across Group are going to Lourdes on 14th to 23rd August. There are vacancies for sick and disabled pilgrims and for nurses and helpers. For more information, please contact Tony Murphy on 07881-656-974 or tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk

EVERGREEN GROUP – WEDNESDAYS FROM 1.30pm – 3.30pm

2nd July	Board Games
9th July	Sit down exercises
16th July	Sandwiches and Fizz

PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday's collection: £639.37. CAFOD: £20.00. Thank you for your generosity.

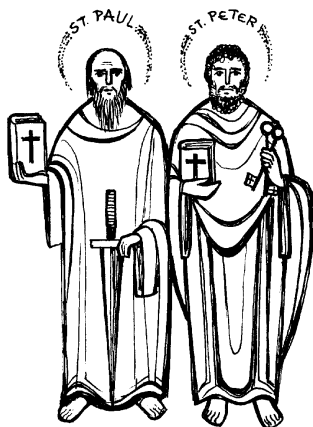
FOOD BANK DONATIONS There were four green crates of groceries and two carrier bags for the food bank last week, along with cash donations totalling £130 (£80, £30, £10, £10). Your generosity is much appreciated. The church is open on Sunday and Monday from 2.00pm – 4.00pm for donations. Cash donations marked "Food Bank" may be posted through the presbytery letterbox. **Donations of tinned rice pudding, bags of crisps and individually wrapped biscuits e.g. Penguin / Kit Kat, would be welcomed. Thank you.**

STAMPS FOR THE RNIB There is a box in the church porch for used stamps for the RNIB.

ST AMBROSE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL ADSWOOD is looking for a practising Catholic to join us as a foundation governor. Experience in education is not a necessity, and you may have other transferable skills. If you are interested or know someone who may be suitable, please contact the school office on 0161 480 8466 or email admin@st-ambrose.stockport.sch.uk

RETRouvaille MARRIAGE MINISTRY Alone or bored in your marriage? Considering separation or are already divorced? If you are open to try again – Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get back on track. Call to find out more: www.retrouvaille.org.uk **+44 797 338 0443** Retrouvaille is a marriage ministry, run by Catholics, to support marriages in trouble.

MARRIAGE CARE If you are going through difficulties in your relationship, Stockport Marriage Care can offer a confidential counselling service. You can contact them on 0800 3893801 or search www.marriagecare.org.uk



THE ST CHRISTOPHER CENTRE Booking enquiries please to Ruth Craven: Tel 07423 682266 or email ruthcraven@hotmail.co.uk

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